

# **CITY OF BATAVIA – CONFERENCE MINUTES**

## **MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017**

Present were Council President Jankowski and Councilpersons Canale, Bialkowski, Viele, Briggs, Pacino, Christian, McGinnis and Tabelski.

### **Call to Order**

Council President Jankowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilperson Viele led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Comments**

Bill Blackshear, 15 Oak St, noted that he wanted to build bridges in the community to help with today's youth. He proposed an outreach effort between the police and the community.

### **Council Response to Public Comments**

Councilperson Christian asked Mr. Blackshear for an example to elaborate on his comments. Mr. Blackshear stated that he was referring to the rash of crimes committed by youth 15 – 19 years old. He felt there should be more communication with these young people to give them options other than crime. Council President Jankowski asked Chief Heubusch to bring up the concern at a future law enforcement meeting.

### **Communications**

The Batavia Business Improvement District (BID) submitted an application for Christmas in the City on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 – 9:00pm in downtown Batavia. There would be a parade and other family oriented activities. Council approved.

Councilperson Pacino noted that the BID was asking for businesses to decorate trees so stated that if the City had anything to add to give it to her and she would give it to the BID.

### **Council President's Report**

Council President Jankowski announced the next regular City Council Business meeting to be held on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00pm at the City Hall Council Board Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Centre.

### **Workers Compensation Reserve**

Mr. Molino noted that the auditors are asking that the original resolution creating the workers compensation reserve be revised to properly reference and be in accordance with general municipal law 6-j. He noted that this was just a housekeeping item. Council agreed to move the item forward to the next business meeting.

### **FY 2016/2017 Reserves Contribution**

Mr. Molino recommended that a portion of fund balance be used to fund reserves and committed fund balance when there is sufficient fund balance at fiscal year-end based on the audited financial statements. Councilperson Christian asked if any of the money could be used for south side sidewalks. Mr. Molino noted that the grant funds were for specific areas near schools but other funds could be used towards sidewalks elsewhere. Council agreed to move the item forward to the next business meeting.

### **Youth Board Appointment**

Council agreed to move the appointment forward to the next business meeting. Council President Jankowski noted that there was also no Council liaison so an e-mail had been sent out to Council to see who was interested on serving and Councilperson McGinnis was interested. He will be added to the resolution for vote at the next business meeting.

### **FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)**

Chief Napolitano noted that the fire department received a grant for \$236,000 for replacement of 24 self-contained breathing apparatus. Councilperson Bialkowski asked what the life expectancy was of the equipment and the Chief stated approximately 15 years. Council agreed to move the appointment forward to the next business meeting.

### **Rebuild / Replace Cyclone Grit Classifier and Mechanical Screen at WWTP**

Matt Worth, Director of Public Works, noted that these two items have been working 24/7 for over 25 years and need to be replaced as part of the capital replacement program. He explained that BIDs were opened that day and came in under budget. He noted that he would bring a recommendation to Council at the next business meeting. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

### **Healthy Schools Project**

Mr. Worth noted this was the final phase of the sidewalk project for Washington, Tracy and Liberty. He noted that the agreement was that the City would front the money and be eligible for reimbursement. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

### **Warning Signs**

Mr. Molino reminded Council of the request that came in from the parent of an autistic child for a street sign warning vehicles in the area. He noted that it was reviewed by Chief Heubush and Mr. Worth for possibilities and what was authorized to be on a sign. He explained that a sign for an autistic child didn't give drivers an idea of what to expect and that other municipalities had similar requests and decided not to put up a sign. The recommendation is that a child at play sign be erected because that is not a traditional residential area and is within the boundaries of what the sign is intended for. Mr. Molino noted there would be some traffic monitoring in that area and he spoke with the parent, Mr. Bell, and he understood the recommendation. Councilperson Briggs noted that there was

no stop sign near Thorp and Watson and was confusing when driving there. Mr. Worth noted they would monitor traffic there as well and they would need to have some observation time to see what the true issue was. Councilperson Bialkowski asked what the cost was for the single post sign. Mr. Worth said it was approximately \$200 for material and labor for a 24" x 24" sign.

### **2017-2018 STOP DWI "Crackdown" Award**

Chief Hebusch noted that they received an award from Genesee County Stop-DWI for \$3,720 for enhanced enforcement on the holidays starting October 31<sup>st</sup> and running through Labor Day 2018. Council agreed to move the item to the next business meeting.

**Mr. Molino noted that staff was reviewing the Redfield pillars situation and would compile information for the November conference meeting. Council President Jankowski asked for a DRI update and Mr. Molino noted that a steering committee hadn't been appointed yet but the first meeting should be the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>. They would be working on getting information from the public on projects they would like to see.**

### **Executive Session... Real Property & Litigation**

#### **MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **Motion of Councilperson Pacino**

**WHEREAS**, Article 7, Section 105(1)(d), of the Public Officer's Law permits the legislative body of a municipality to enter into Executive Session to discuss "...proposed, pending or current litigation..." and;

**WHEREAS**, Article 7, Section 105(1)(e), of the Public Officer's Law permits the legislative body of a municipality to enter into Executive Session to discuss "...collective negotiations pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law..." and;

**WHEREAS**, Article 7, Section 105(1)(f), of the Public Officer's Law permits the legislative body of a municipality to enter into Executive Session to discuss "...the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation..."

**WHEREAS**, Article 7, Section 105(1)(h), of the Public Officer's Law permits the legislative body of a municipality to enter into Executive Session to discuss "...the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof..."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Batavia, that upon approval of this Motion, the City Council does hereby enter into Executive Session.

**Seconded by Councilperson Viele and on roll call approved 9-0.**

10/30/2017

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**Conference Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Heidi J. Parker  
Clerk-Treasurer**

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